

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

744 P Street, Sacramento, CA 95814



November 3, 1980

ALL-COUNTY INFORMATION NOTICE I-118-80

TO: All County Welfare Directors

SUBJECT: Probate Code Section 1440
Section 1511 (Effective January 1, 1981)
- Notification to Agencies of Guardianship Petitions Filed

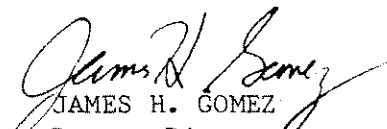
REFERENCE:

Through All-County Letter No. 80-59, the Department advised counties of the extent to which there should be an investigation and report to the court on guardianship petitions and the necessity for transmitting the report to the court at least three working days before the guardianship hearing.

The purpose of this information notice is to confirm procedures for notifying agencies of petitions filed. The petitions, when received by the Department, are forwarded to the appropriate agency by the Adoptions Branch. Those involving pending adoption actions are sent to the appropriate adoptions unit or agency. Other petitions are sent to the social services department.

Under Probate Code Section 1440 a time period is not specified for the filing of the petition with the Department in advance of the hearing. However, Probate Code Section 1511, which is effective January 1, 1981, requires filing with the Department at least 15 days in advance of the court hearing. While it is anticipated that this change should reduce the delay in the filing of petitions, we are requesting that you advise the Department of the person in your agency whom we should now contact by telephone when a petition is received within 15 days of the hearing. The name of the contact person should be provided to the Adoptions Operations Bureau, 744 "P" Street, M.S. 19-31, Sacramento, California, 95814.

Questions concerning this information notice may also be directed to Eva Stewart at 916-322-4946.


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